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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

**PACCAR** Inc  
Law Department

October 22, 1999

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Dana Aluminum Steering Driveline Recall**

Dear Sir or Madam:

PACCAR Inc has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Kenworth Truck Company vehicles described below, and is furnishing notification to the NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defects and Noncompliance Reports."

**Description of the Defect**

The installation of the aluminum steering driveline exceeds the U-joint angles specified by Dana, the manufacturer. Dana recommends a maximum degree angle and the Kenworth plants exceeded this maximum. By exceeding this specification, there is a potential that the U-joint may contact and cause a stress riser in the aluminum drive shaft.

The supplier of the suspect part is:

Dana Corporation  
Dana Spicer Driveshaft Division  
PO Box 955  
Toledo, OH 43697

**Identification of Affected Vehicles**

- The vehicles involved in the subject recall are those which were manufactured after August, 1999 when the aluminum steering driveline was placed into production. An initial search of manufacturing records estimates that approximately 2,607 vehicles are involved. The recall involves only the T600, T800 and T300 models.

**Chronology of Events Leading to Recall**

Kenworth discovered the defect October 15, 1999 and in a conference call to Dana on October 20, 1999, Dana recommended replacement of the driveline. Pursuant to this discovery and recommendation, the Kenworth Safety Committee decided on October 20, 1999 to conduct a recall of all affected vehicles.

**Description of Remedy**

Kenworth will notify all affected customers, requesting they immediately take their vehicle to an authorized PACCAR dealership to replace the aluminum driveline with the steel version.

**Identification of Recall Schedule**

PACCAR anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. Kenworth has assigned the number "99KW03" to this campaign.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth R. Brownstein  
Senior Counsel

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